



Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers
Galveston District**

Permit Application No: 23232
Date Issued: 17 November 2003
Comments Due: 18 December 2003

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: To inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

AUTHORITY: This application will be reviewed pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: Spinnaker Exploration Company, L.L.C.
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POC: Mr. Tom Becnel

LOCATION: The proposed project is located approximately 15 miles southeast of the Texas Coastline in the Gulf of Mexico, Galveston Anchorage Area, OCS Block 210, offshore Texas. Using North American Datum 27, Texas South Central Zone, the XY Coordinates for the proposed Well No. 001 and Well No. 002 are X=3,402,095.81'; Y=498,460.00'.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to install, operate, and maintain a jack-up rig, typical well protector and appurtenant structures and equipment necessary for oil and gas exploration and production operations for the OCS-G-25523 Well No. 001 and 002 in OCS Block 210. No dredging or fill activities are required for the proposed project. There are no known structures within a 2-mile radius of the proposed location. The water depth at the proposed project site is approximately 58-feet-deep. The applicant's plans are enclosed in 6 sheets.

NOTES: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified.

The decision as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security within the Galveston Anchorage Area.

The remainder of the pipeline/structure is authorized under Nationwide Permit 8 for oil and gas structures and will be evaluated by the Minerals Management Service. Environmental aspects have been considered in the final Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

OTHER AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS: Texas Coastal Zone consistency certification is required. The applicant has stated that the project is consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Program goals and policies and will be conducted in a manner consistent with said Program.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES: The staff archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

The project is located in Federal Waters.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before **18 December 2003**. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the limiting date. **If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections.** Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

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